

## LEGISLATIVE NEWS LETTER.

Short Digest of Some of Transactions of Legislature in Session in Austin.

[Special Correspondence.]

Austin, Feb. 24.—The announcement of Speaker Kennedy of the House to the effect that the party platform demands will in the future have the right of way over other legislation, the re-incarnation of the Thomas lobbying sensation, with the appointment of a committee to investigate these charges, and a mild discussion of the lobbying question in the House, were the most interesting features of the week in legislative circles.

Speaker Kennedy flatly told the solons that they must pay more attention to the Democratic platform demands and party pledges and the Speaker is in a position to make his words bring forth deeds. So far not one of the platform demands has been enacted into law. Though not strictly a platform demand, the bank deposit guaranty bill is a party pledge. There will be a fight on the floor of the House on this measure, since it is to be reported adversely by the majority of the committee and favorably by a minority.

The charges of Senator Thomas that there had been one thousand specific violations of the anti-lobby law, came to the foreground again when the investigation committee reported. Senator Thomas reiterated his charges so the Senate decided that a regular investigation, with witnesses and all other adjuncts, should be made. A committee and official stenographers to take testimony were appointed and the hearings began Tuesday night. Senator Thomas has employed Monta J. Moore of Cameron as counsel to represent him at the investigation. Whether or not Senator Thomas will be able to make good his charges remains to be seen. Interest in this matter is overshadowed by other more important affairs of legislation.

Before the adjournment of the session, which is set for March 18th, the Commercial Secretaries had hoped to show the members the capitol grounds made beautiful by planting every variety of tree that Texas produces in the grounds. Arrangements had been made to carry out this plan on February 25th, but owing to complications, not altogether clear, the plan has been abandoned. The offer to furnish the trees, free of cost, was at first accepted and later declined. A request to allow former President Elliot of Harvard, who will be here on February 25th, to plant a walnut or pecan tree in honor of the memory of Governor Hogg was also declined. The Commercial Secretaries therefore called off the program.

The legislative week has been one of the busiest and most important of the session. At least sixty bills have been passed, some of them important but the majority of a local nature. Feeling that they had earned a rest, the members Friday night betook themselves to Galveston for a two days outing. During the busy session, the House took a little time to discuss lobbying, though not in a very serious vein. The upshot of the matter was the passage of a resolution calling upon the Speaker to enforce the rules strictly. The rules bar all persons except members, clerks and newspaper men from the floor during the sessions.

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## WILL HAVE PERMANENT FARM.

Agricultural Department of United States Government Will Experiment Near Amarillo.

Some years ago the United States department of agriculture undertook to demonstrate, on land near Amarillo, some of the possibilities of this section of the country as a farming district. Recently a movement was started looking to the establishing of a permanent experimental farm in this section and it is announced that the department has decided to use the land permanently for such a purpose.

Already arrangements for improvements upon the land selected have been made so that when the spring opens up those who are stationed at the farm to do the work under directions of the department may not be hindered in any manner. Substantial and commodious buildings are to be built according to specifications furnished by the department.

## Things That are Theatrical.

Tonight at the opera house a play entitled "Out of the Fold" will be presented by Miss Estelle Horne as leading lady supported by Edward C. Horne and a company of local talent. The play is said to be brim full of funny situations with a fine plot and in itself will be interesting. As to the cast of characters and those taking part therein, it is not necessary for us to praise Miss Horne or Mr. Horne for they have been seen on the stage here before and are well liked. As for the local talent nearly all of those participating have had previous amateur experience and constitute some of the very best material in the city. Specialty numbers are to be introduced between each act and altogether the entertainment promises to be one of very high merit. Those who will present the play are, Miss Horne, Mr. Horne, Miss Bernice Long, Miss Ellen Donald, Mrs. Hill Aldridge, Messrs. Everett Haney, Vince Reeves, Austin Altizer, Wallace Moore, Hill Aldridge, Tom Speakman and George Hutchings. The company expect to go to Hereford on next Monday night where the same play will be presented at the opera house.

The Big Bittner Company occupied the stage at the local opera house on Monday and Tuesday nights of this week. On Monday night they were scheduled to execute "The Squaw Man." The reporter was not there but, judging from Tuesday night's performance, they must have "executed" the Squaw Man. On Tuesday night they were to play "The Devil." They did. The Big Bittner Company occupied the stage at the local opera house on Monday and Tuesday nights of this week. That's all.

C. M. Houser to Leave Us.

After a residence in Randall county for about sixteen years Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Houser, who formerly lived near Umbarger, have sold all their real estate holdings in the county and left yesterday for their new home at Kress. As above stated these good people have been residents of the county for about sixteen years, being among the first to locate in the county for farming purposes and during the time they have made friends with everyone with whom they have come in contact. The vicinity of Umbarger and Randall county, by their removal, have lost one of the very best families of the county and they carry with them to their new home the well wishes of a host of friends.

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Let Cowart sell you some candies.

# The Season's Offerings

We doubt if conditions in Northern markets were ever better for the purchase of the best goods for the coming season than those which presented themselves to our buyer who has recently returned from the markets. The stocks were large and the assortments complete—the prices much lower than we had been led to expect, therefore our Spring lines of goods were purchased at much reduced prices and the quality is strictly first class in every department.

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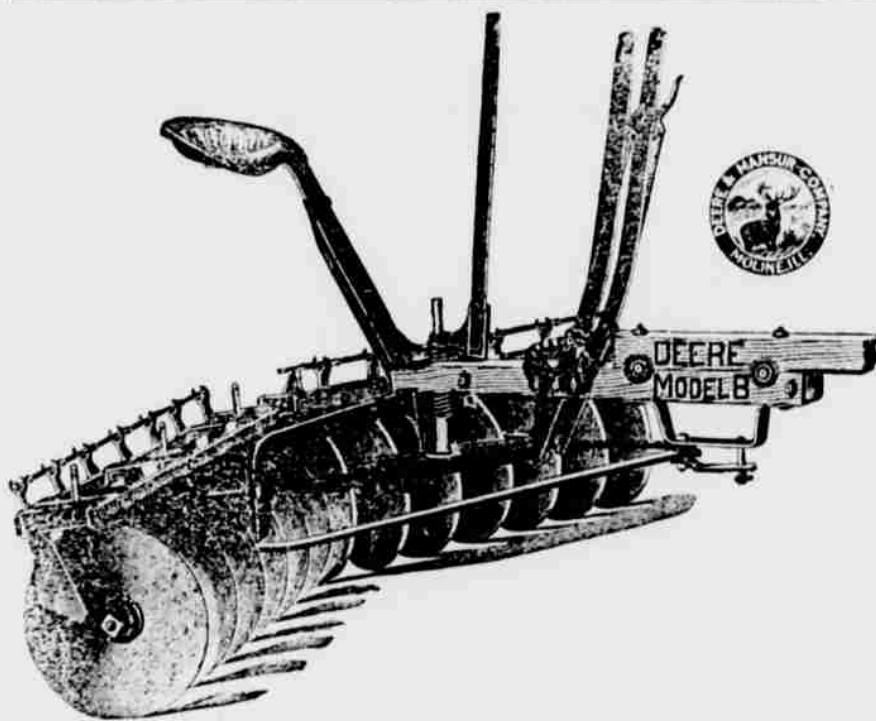
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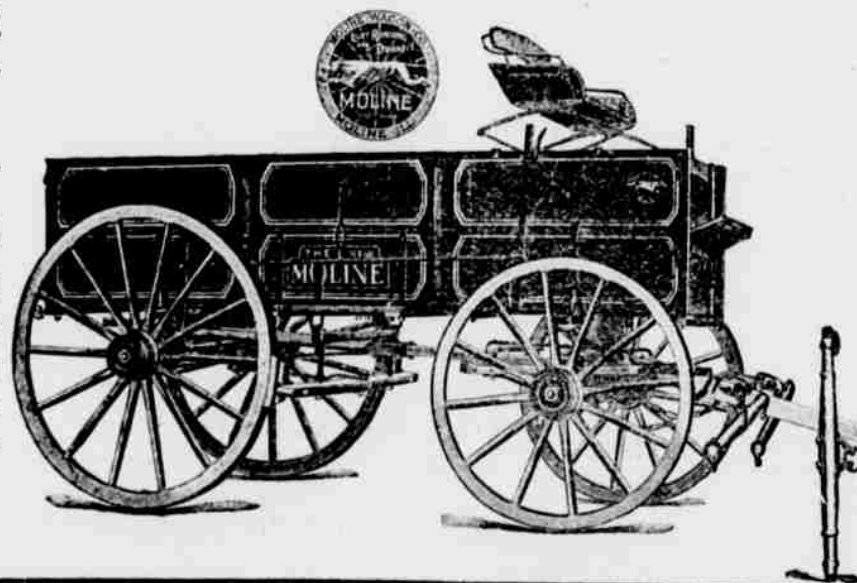
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